

Chrysler men get surprise offer of £10 a week more

unexpected about-face, Chrysler yesterday offered all the 27,000 workers in its British plants a 10 per cent pay deal, giving about £10 a week to most workers and up to £12.50 to men at the Scottish plant at Linwood. Shop stewards at the Coventry plant responded by saying they would meet to consider the offer on June 2, the day the plants reopen after the spring holiday.

Hopes rise of end to £10m strike

Shakespeare
Chrysler company has a 24 per cent deal to offer its 27,000 workers in its British plants. It will mean earnings of about £10 for most workers but £12.50 for the men in the Scottish plant at Linwood. Chrysler has said that if the offer is accepted, the company will be giving its workers a 10 per cent increase in pay.

Chrysler management put the offer on the table at a series of meetings with shop stewards yesterday. A 10 per cent increase would mean a weekly pay of £10.50 for most workers and £12.50 for the men in the Scottish plant at Linwood.

The offer is a significant improvement on the £5.50 a week offer made last week. Chrysler has said that if the offer is accepted, the company will be giving its workers a 10 per cent increase in pay.

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Minister rejects plea for textile curbs

Minister yesterday rejected the case for a 20 per cent cut in the number of British textile and clothing firms. He said that such a move would be inappropriate in the current economic climate and would be detrimental to the industry.

TV blacked out

all independent television channels will be blacked out because of a strike by the National Union of Journalists. The union has demanded a 10 per cent increase in pay for its members.

ish news ban

ish Government banned all news coverage of the Basque region. The ban was imposed because of the risk of revealing military secrets to the Basque separatist group, ETA.

h cargo flight

and Heath flew to New York in a cargo aircraft yesterday. The flight was part of a series of operations to transport goods and supplies to the region.

No economic 'package' after June 6 - Mr Wilson

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

The Prime Minister last night dismissed the strongly held belief of politicians and industrialists that the Government was planning a counter-inflation package, to be introduced after the referendum.

"If there were a package that would counter inflation, we would have introduced it already," he said on BBC television.

The Government was talking to the CBI, who had put forward its own plan this week, and the TUC to see what could be done by consent.

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Baboon linked to child's circulation in life-saving attempt

By Our Medical Correspondent

A revolutionary surgical technique was used at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, this week when a baboon's blood circulation was linked to that of a boy aged 13 months in an attempt to save the child's life.

The boy, born with a defective heart, was admitted to the hospital on Monday for an emergency heart operation.

The operation was successful. But complications led to the development of heart and kidney failure and the boy's condition deteriorated. It was not possible to use a heart-lung machine on him.

The operation linking his circulation to that of the baboon was carried out on Wednesday with encouraging results at first as the animal's blood began to flow.

Such a procedure can be only temporary, but it may be life-saving if there is a chance that the patient's own organs may recover their function if tied over for a day or two.

Research workers at present are trying to improve the efficiency of artificial mechanical replacements for major human organs rather than having to rely on animals, like the baboon. But until effective artificial organs are available circumstances will remain

where the use of an animal is the only alternative to letting a patient die.

Parents agreed: Mr Magdi Yacoub, a leading heart surgeon, who performed a heart transplant in 1973, led the surgical team in the operation.

The boy and baboon, a male, linked together, were moved to the recovery suite alongside the operating theatre's economic strength is likewise improved and strengthened by Britain's participation.

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used to give his fireside radio chats during the Depression, Mr Ford said his journey to Nato and the European capitals was to reinforce and reassure allies. His presence and what he intended to say would be helpful, he said.

Questioned about his handling of the Mayaguez incident, he said that both at home and abroad people would see his conduct as a firm assurance that the United States had both the capability and the will to meet emergencies and challenges.

He discounted the possibility of military action in the Middle East in the event of another Arab oil boycott, however. American Middle East policy was one of cooperation not confrontation, he said.

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Two Scottish supporters taking over a Trafalgar Square fountain.

Lively Scots resent rail strike

By David Leigh

London was awash with Scottish football supporters yesterday, many drunk as lords already, many merely exuberant, and all resentful at the transport strike affecting them when they attend the Scotland-England international match at Wembley Stadium this afternoon.

The supporters, dressed in tartan berets, kilts, sporrans and shirts with the blue-and-white St Andrew's cross all over them, poured off the trains at King's Cross and Euston. The policemen and cinders on duty at the stations directed even the obvious drunks with weary good humour.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, accused Mr Howell, Minister of State for the Environment (Sport), of dilatoriness yesterday in allowing the situation to develop. He pointed a picture of Wembley residents going in fear of enraged supporters.

A National Union of Railwaymen official said that Neasden No 3 branch had written to Mr Howell 12 months earlier demanding extra police protection when the Scots

relationship for which the Spanish are reported to be pressing in the current negotiations on the renewal of the American base agreements.

There was reported to have been a highly critical reaction to Dr Schlesinger's remarks from the Dutch, Danish and Norwegian delegations, and in the general debate Mr Roy Mason, the British Minister of Defence, declared that his government would be absolutely opposed to establishing a formal link between Nato and Spain so long as that country remained under its present leadership.

According to informed sources, Mr Mason cited the presence in the Labour Party of former members of the International Brigade, which fought on the Franco side in the Spanish civil war, as being among the reasons for his government's attitude.

The reference was eventually allowed to appear in the communiqué declared carefully that Dr Schlesinger had "informed his colleagues of the present state of the use by the United States forces of military facilities in Spain, it being understood that these arrangements remain outside the Nato context."

There had been a "variety of responses" to his remarks from other ministers, but he felt that no one could disagree that the Spanish bases "contribute to the deterrence of attack against Western Europe."

He mentioned the facilities provided for American nuclear submarines and strategic and tactical aircraft.

Dr Schlesinger denied that he had put any proposal to his colleagues for the establishment of a formal relationship between Spain and Nato, a

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Voyages around my father: Olivia Manning, page 6

Mr Ford sees British presence in EEC as strengthening the West

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 23

President Ford indicated today that he wanted Britain to stay in the European Community. In an interview with BBC television, he had been asked how vital he thought Britain's participation in Europe to be.

"I think it is very important," he said. "I don't believe I should get involved in how the vote is going to turn out on June 5, but I think Europe is strengthened by Britain's participation."

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Portuguese parties get Army warning

From Jose Sherecliff
Lisbon, May 23

The political committee of the ruling Revolutionary Council in Portugal today launched an attack on the Socialist Party, which has been demanding the curtailment of Communist influence in the country. Later it called in the leaders of both parties separately for consultations.

A communiqué issued by the Revolutionary Council emphasised that the institution of democratic liberties in the country was the work of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) and their defence was "not exclusive to any political party, but to the MFA and the Portuguese people."

The communiqué also called for "national unity in view of the stern task of reconstruction which faces the country... for which all party struggles and quarrels should be ended."

It deplored the speculation surrounding the Government's closure on Tuesday of the

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ministers have appeared on
radio and television news fe-
ture programmes, the appear-
ances of pro-EEC ministers, who
are in a majority, have been
necessarily restricted in order
to maintain a balance.
The original guidelines were
that ministers holding opposing
views should not appear to-
gether on public platforms or
on radio or television pro-
grammes. Under the revised
rules, ministers will be able to
put the case for and against the
same programme provided
the interviews are pre-recorded
and there is no direct confronta-
tion in the studio.
From June 1, however, mini-
sters will be able to take part
in "live" broadcasts to argue
the differing points of view.
It became known last night
that a dispute has broken out
inside the Britain in Europe
movement, with the youth sec-
tion on the warpath against the
parent steering body.

At a private meeting earlier
this week they told Mr Jenkins,
Home Secretary, who is pres-
ident of the campaign, that they
felt the campaign was being
played in a deliberately low
key in order not to embarrass
the Labour Party.
The youth section argued that
the future development of
the Community, including
federalism, was deliberately not
being stated. They also claimed
that the movement was being
excessively influenced by
American-style political tech-
niques, with far too much of the
funds available being devoted to
television and advertising and
not enough effort being made at
grass roots campaigning.
While the steering group did
not accept the arguments, it was
agreed that in future a spokes-
man for the youth section should
be allowed to take part in public
meetings. On Monday the youth
group will be allowed their own
press conference, although Mr
David Steel, Liberal MP for Rox-
burgh, Selkirk and Peebles, will
be in the chair.

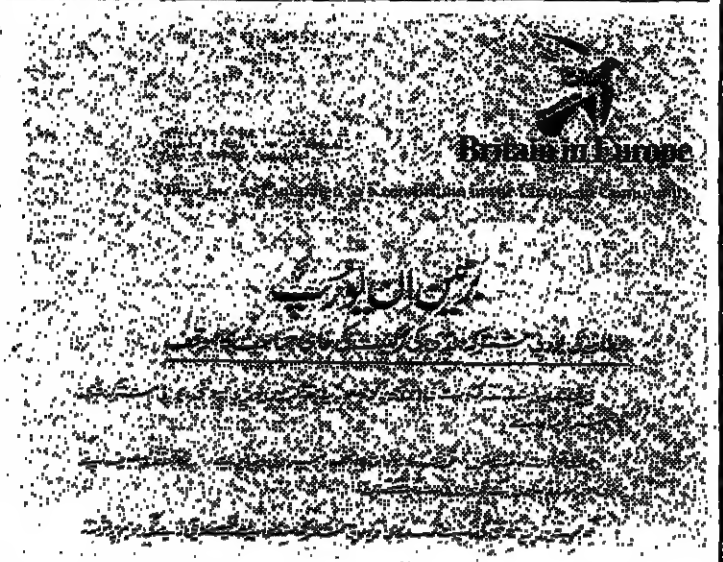
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Jeremy Thorpe, leader
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torpes last night that a



Neither side in the referendum battle is ignoring the immigrant vote. Britain in Europe has issued this appeal in Urdu urging support for continued EEC membership.

Rivals vying for support
of immigrant groups

By Roger Barthoud

The Get Britain Out group
yesterday produced at a press
conference in London half a
dozen leaders of the immigrant
community in Britain who
oppose EEC membership.
Although privately admitting
to some embarrassment at
fighting for the same cause as
Mr Enoch Powell, the immi-
grants expressed their con-
viction that they would be better
off if Britain withdrew.
Mr Ajit Rai, chairman of the
15,000-strong Indian Workers'
Association, put it thus:
"We are second-rate citizens in this
country. If it stays in the Common
Market, we shall be third-rate citi-
zens in this country and the
Common Market."
Mr Nirmal Roy, also of the
Indian Workers' Association,
and Mr Len Dyke, secretary of
the West Indian Standing Con-
ference, explained that they had
two main objections to the
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citizens who were not British
had a right of abode in the
United Kingdom did not
qualify as "nationals" as
defined in a declaration
attached to the Treaty of Acces-
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That means that an estimated
630,000 of the total immigrant
labour force in Britain would
not enjoy the freedom of estab-
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George-Brown
plea for
coalition ruleFrom John Chartres
Manchester

Lord George-Brown told an
audience of businessmen in the
North-west yesterday that if
there was ever a time for
"something different from
party government" the country
was in that position now. He
was putting the case for
Britain's remaining in the EEC.
His reference to the advan-
tage of a coalition government
came in reply to a question
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the country really needed a gov-
ernment which would be "a bit
rough" with businessmen,
trade unionists, and everyone
who wanted to borrow money
for the purposes of personal
enjoyment. There was a "ter-
rible risk" of some other forces
either from the extreme right
or the extreme left intervening
to take over the country if a
situation such as that of the
1930s recurred.

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sional Affairs, said in
yesterday. He told the
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a thing called the "green
which is much affected
collected money from
the problem. The capacity

of the Community to turn the
simple into the complicated is
awesome.
Mr Thomson added later:
"Tariff classification and cum-
bersome paper work still clog the
passage of goods passing between
member states. Yet this is now
being improved. Tariff classi-
fication is meaningless for goods
passing between Lancaster and
Leeds or Hamburg and Frankfurt.
in a customs union it should no
longer be necessary to re-route it
between Hamburg and Lancaster
or Frankfurt and Leeds.
The Community was striving
to eliminate differing national
standards which were claimed
to guarantee safety but which
amounted to thinly disguised
protectionism. But there was
ample evidence that the EEC
had learnt from its mistakes. He
went on:
When I first went to Brussels
two and a half years ago, com-
puter terminals were considered
an advance holy writ. Now Ger-
man taxpayers and, in a different

sense, French exporters, are mak-
ing sacrifices to keep down the
price of food in Britain.
Sales of butter to the Soviet
Union for less than the price
charged to shoppers in the
Community had been a mistake.
But with New Zealand falling
short of its allowed supply to
the United Kingdom, there
might have been a butter short-
age without the help of the
Community surplus.
At the turn of the year, how nice
it would have been if there had
been just a modest little sugar
mountain somewhere in the Com-
munity landscape to save us from
the problems of the shortage.
If the United Kingdom left
the EEC it would have to accept
whatever trading terms it was
offered by existing economic
groups of countries. He
favoured membership because
"the Community has outlawed
and made unthinkable the idea
of a third European war".

HOME NEWS

Alternative
Piccadilly
scheme is
attacked

A development plan for the
West End of London, including
a clean-up for part of Soho,
ran into immediate criticism
after being announced last
night.
The proposals became known
after yesterday's announcement
that the Stock Conversion
group had abandoned more
ambitious plans for the area
because none of them was
given planning consent, and
sold its leasehold on the site
back to the freeholders. Elec-
tricity Supply Nominees, which
operates the pension fund for
power industry workers.
Leaders of the Save Piccadilly
Campaign, which has opposed
Stock Conversion's earlier
schemes, called the new
proposals "just another con-
servative redevelopment in
different clothing".
The area includes the
Trocadero site at Piccadilly
Circus, the old Lyon's Corner
House, and short-term leased
property occupied by strip
clubs, restaurants, amusement
arcades and massage parlours.
Mr John Brill, a spokesman
for ESN's development consult-
ants, Richard Ellis, said: "Full
details of our scheme will be
revealed in a matter of
months."
"It will mean a major clean-
up and upgrading for a group
of charming properties which
have been allowed to become
run down because of years of
uncertainty", he said. "There
will be a small amount of de-
velopment but no increase in
office space. The plans will not
involve tower blocks."
Apart from "development
where necessary", the scheme
would be based purely on "re-
habilitation and refurbish-
ment".
Mr E. Berman, chairman of
the Save Piccadilly Campaign,
said the Richard Ellis and ESN
plans amounted to another
comprehensive redevelopment
scheme because they included
the demolition of a two-acre
block in which all the buildings
were capable of restoration.

BMA attack on abortion Bill ends sit-in

By Our Social Services
Correspondent

The occupation of the head-
quarters of the British Medical
Association by young doctors
opposed to the Abortion
(Amendment) Bill ended yester-
day when the association made
clear that it too was against
the Bill.
The association disclosed its
position by publishing its evi-
dence to the select committee
on the Bill, which expressed
"grave doubts" about its
chances of removing abuses and
was severely critical of key
clauses.
The doctors decided to end
their sit-in after Dr Derek
Stevenson, secretary of the
BMA, read to them the text of
a letter announcing the deci-
sion to publish the evidence.
He made sure the press were
present during the reading and
the doctors accepted that as
fulfilling their demand for a

clear, public statement of the
BMA's opposition to the Bill.
The evidence said the BMA
could not support the clause
which would make abortions
legal only on proof of grave
risk to the life of the patient
or serious risk of injury to her
health or that of the children
of her family. Those words
were not defined, the evidence
said, and could be determined
only by a jury.
The clause placing the
burden of proof that an abor-
tion was legal on doctors was
manifestly unacceptable, the
evidence said. It could mean,
for example, that a surgeon
could be charged with termin-
ating a pregnancy of more than
20 weeks and he would have
to prove that it had been less
than that period. Failure to
do so might render him liable
to imprisonment for up to five
years.
The evidence also criticised
the provisions to restrict abor-

tion counselling, to end abor-
tions for foreign women, and to
give advice to girls under 16
only in the presence of a parent
or guardian. The last clause was
"unnecessarily restrictive" and
a doctor must respect the girl's
right to confidentiality.
The doctors leading the sit-in
yesterday said they were
delighted that the BMA had
affirmed publicly its opposition
to the Bill. The doctors were
concerned that the BMA had
remained silent on the issue
when it was clear that many
of their colleagues were under
the impression that the Bill was
designed to do no more than
check the acknowledged abuses
of the Abortion Act.

Dr Barbara Jacobs, a hospital
doctor working on gynaecology
and obstetrics, said yesterday:
"The Bill is designed to
severely restrict the number of
legal abortions and the clinical
responsibility of doctors. If it
becomes law it will mean a
return to the back street knif-
ting needle for poor women,
while rich women will still be
able to pay for their abortions.
This is a most pernicious and
reactionary piece of medical
legislation."
Figures released yesterday by
the Office of Population Cen-
suses and Surveys showed that
the number of abortions in Eng-
land and Wales fell by a tenth
in the first three months of this
year. In the last five weeks of
the quarter abortions were 17
per cent down on the same
period in 1974.
The biggest drop was for
abortions on foreign women,
which fell by 18 per cent; those
for resident women fell by 6
per cent. There was a 94 per
cent increase in abortions in
Yorkshire, bringing the total for
the three months to 30,000, be-
cause of the opening of a new
private clinic there.

Post Office 'has broken contract'

The Post Office was accused
yesterday of breaking the social
contract in recent pay settle-
ments with supervisory staff.
Mr Tom Jackson, secretary of
the Union of Post Office Work-
ers, speaking in a pay debate
at the union's conference in
Blackpool, said supervisors had
achieved settlements greater
than that accepted by his union
and it was totally wrong that
they should be able to get deals
which broke the contract.
"When I tried to get more
money for postal officers, I

was told I could not because
the social contract did not per-
mit it for people at this level",
he said.
"I am sick and tired, as the
major negotiator inside the Post
Office on the trade union side,
representing the major union
and representing lower-paid
workers, of bending my back
down for everyone else to jump
over".
He added: "There are so-
called unions in the Post Office
who do not care a two-penny
damn who benefits from our
efforts". Mr Jackson said he

excluded the Post Office Engi-
neering Union from his criticism.
At the close of the wages
debate the delegates backed a
recommendation instructing the
executive council to consider
the pay situation later this year
and to lodge a wage claim to
become effective in January.
Mr Jackson had asked the con-
ference not to do this.
The conference also decided
not to set a terminal date on a
demand for a 35-hour week, but
to pursue a claim for a reduc-
tion of three hours in the work-
ing week.

£5 mobility
grant early
next yearBy Our Social Services
Correspondent

The promised mobility allow-
ance for 100,000 severely dis-
abled people will be introduced
early next year, Mr Alfred
Morris, Parliamentary Under-
Secretary for the Disabled, an-
nounced in a Commons written
answer last night. The allow-
ance is to be increased from
the planned £4 a week to £5.
The Government is to legis-
late for it through an amend-
ment to the Social Security
Pensions Bill. The allowance
will be for severely disabled
adults of working age and chil-
dren, aged five or more, who
are unable or virtually unable
to walk. Their handicap must be
likely to last for at least a year.
Mr Peter Mitchell, of Action
Research for the Crippled Child,
said last night the amendment
appeared to restrict allowances
to people who had some physical
mobility. It referred to "limb-
motion" rather than "mobility",
implying that those who had
fast would not qualify.

Reform urged 'to protect jury system'

The jury system could be dis-
credited if urgent law reforms
were not implemented. Mr John
Alderson, Chief Constable of
Devon and Cornwall and a bar-
rister, said yesterday at Caver-
sham. He said rape trials were
one area where reform was
needed most.
The greatest stumbling block
was the complicity of lawyers.
In rape trials objection was
being taken to the sometimes
deplorable attacks made on the
character of the woman.

"There is no doubt that so
long as the accused is allowed
to sit and say nothing on his
own behalf, not to make an
appearance as a witness, but to
leave it all to his legal advisers,
that so long as he can keep his
demeanour from the jury, he
will generally be able to de-
grade the complainant to the
utter depths."
Some people thought the
woman would be better protec-
ted by anonymity, as in black-

mail cases. But that ran the risk
of encouraging false complaints.
"The present mixture of
obscuritism which so far has
defeated overdue reform not
only denies justice in many
cases but may yet discredit the
whole system of jury trial", he
said.
The police were the only
people with the right to ask a
suspect questions.
The inefficiency of the jury
was largely due to its depriva-
tion of many relevant facts.

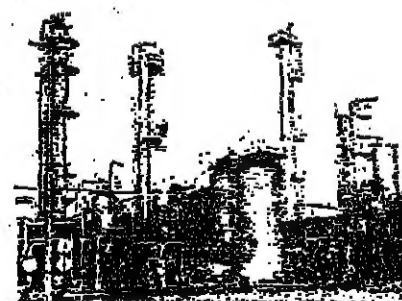
Who
gets ICI's profits?
The £80 million
question

How much profit did ICI earn in the first quarter of 1975?
As expected, cost inflation and the reduction in world demand are increasingly affecting
many companies, including ICI. Sales were £748 million, 13% up on the
first quarter of 1974. However, raw materials, wages and salaries and other costs
came to £668 million, 24% up, and so profit before tax was lower at £80 million.



How much of the profit goes in tax?

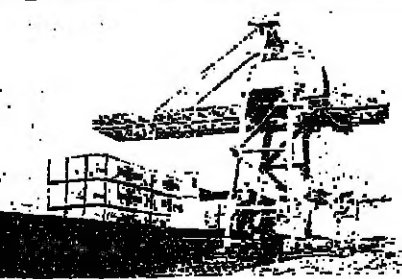
Out of every £1 of profit, 36p will go in tax.
That takes £29 million.



What happens to the rest?

40p in every £1 is put back into the business
and so helps to maintain employment.
That's another £32 million.

This, together with the depreciation set aside, will help to provide the £1 million
a day which ICI is investing to develop the business and keep it competitive.
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does not wholly own, and as dividends to ICI's nearly 600,000 stockholders.



What about ICI's exports?

Last year ICI was Britain's biggest exporter, with exports of £1½ million a day.
We continued to export at not far off that rate in the first quarter of 1975.

Everyone benefits from ICI's profits



Protest to Turkey on treatment of Britons in Cyprus

Mr. Hattersley disclosed at his home in London that he has lodged a protest with Mr. Ian Smith, the British Minister, about the treatment of Britons living in Cyprus.

A 90-minute talk with Mr. Hattersley, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Turkey should provide information for Britons on the island suffered during and after the military operations last year.

He should also guarantee the safety of Britons in the Turkish-controlled area. Mr. Hattersley said that the Turkish Government had assured him that it would not allow any serious consideration of the Turkish Government's proposal to transfer the sovereignty of the island to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

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Maharaj Ji, one of the rival gurus, left, leaves the court with one of his disciples.

Rival gurus scolded by judge

Delhi, May 23.—Two rival gurus called off a legal court today but kept up their feud over who is the "Perfect Master" of their sect.

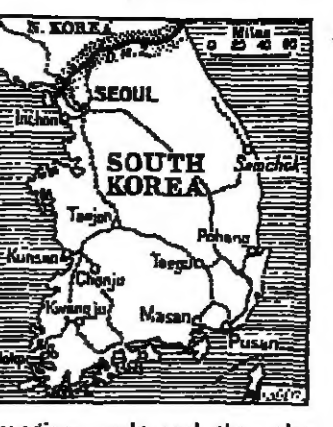
Maharaj Ji, aged 17, and his brother Bal Bhagwan Ji, aged 24, promised an Indian judge that they would try to settle their "compelling claims" in leadership of the Divine Light Mission out of court. They dropped their defamation suits against each other after being

scolded by Judge Prihan Singh Safer during a court hearing. "Courts should not be utilized for washing this dirty linen," the judge declared. "You say you are men of religion. Well, there is going to be bloodshed in your family unless you settle your disputes. If you want bloodshed, continue with this litigation. But why not come to terms?"

Maharaj Ji then stepped forward and unconditionally withdrew his defamation suit against his brother. After some coaxing from the judge, Bhagwan Ji withdrew his suit.

But after it became clear that the brothers were still reluctant to work out a compromise over who should lead the international religious movement founded by their late father in 1961.

Conducted tour 500ft below Korean no man's land Tunnel invasion plan thwarted



From Peter Hazelhurst, Observation Post 133, DMZ, Korea, May 23.

With a small squad of South Korean troops we marched for nearly a quarter of a mile today through a captured Communist-built tunnel under the demilitarized zone in Korea until foul air and the danger of booby traps forced the patrol to halt in semi-darkness.

We were about 300ft under solid rock, about 400 yards south of a North Korean position near the demarcation line in the middle of a 2,000-yard-wide strip of no man's land.

Colonel Kwan Yung Sang, the officer in charge of the party, points into the gloomy northern region of the tunnel and says that a machine gunner is positioned about 200 yards ahead to prevent communists from advancing southwards.

"We are now about under the middle of the southern section of the demilitarized zone. We have explored the tunnel in within 200 yards of the demarcation line, but we have to move slowly. We have lost seven men due to foul air and booby traps since we broke into the tunnel on March 24."

Colonel Kwan escorted a small group of journalists through the captured tunnel today to illustrate how South Korea faces the threat of a Communist offensive in the face of the collapse of Indo-China. He went on to explain that two divisions of Communist troops could have been inducted into areas behind South Korea's forward positions on the demilitarized zone within the space of one hour if the tunnel had not been discovered.

Cut out of solid granite for two years under the nose of South Korea's patrols, the tunnel is admittedly an amazing feat of engineering. It is in fact the second of 15 suspected tunnels which the South Koreans have discovered under the zone. The first, a smaller and less ambitious project, was found in November last year after a patrol noticed steam rising above earth in the zone near Gwangju, further to the west.

However the second tunnel here, 60 miles north of Seoul and nine miles north-east of the town of Chonju, has been constructed on a far more grandiose scale and the selection of the site has military significance.

Apart from the unexplored section north of the demarcation line the tunnel stretches from the middle of no man's land for 1,200 yards southwards into South Korea's side of the demilitarized zone.

The arch-shaped tunnel is about 6ft wide and the average man can stand erect with head room to spare in most sections of the horizontal shaft.

The South Koreans estimate that North Korean engineers in violation of the terms of the armistice treaty, began to construct the tunnel under the southern section of the zone in the middle of 1973.

In most parts it had to be blasted and hewn out of solid granite. It first came to the notice of South Koreans when patrols in the zone reported dull underground explosions in November two years ago.

After preliminary investigations United States Army engineers began moving heavy drilling machines into the barren mountainous area late last year. Some 45 bore holes were sunk into the granite hill before the drill traced a cavity running north to south early this year.

By the time the South Koreans broke into the tunnel in March communist engineers were already digging within 300 yards of the forward positions of the South Koreans 6th Division on the southern side of the demilitarized zone.

Pointing to the holes which had already been drilled in the southern wall of the tunnel for explosives before the com-

munist engineers fled, Colonel Kwan said: "We estimate it would have taken them a few more months to dig another 500 yards south. This means the tunnel would have opened up behind a hill and behind our forward positions."

The proposed outlet is located in the foothills near the Chonju valley, the flat stretch of land which runs south-west towards Seoul between inaccessible mountain ranges. It is this valley which has served as an historical invasion route for both the North Koreans and the Chinese before them.

To reach the tunnel we were flown over long ranges of mountains and along the Imjin river on board an American helicopter today to a small South Korean outpost south of the demilitarized zone. From the air it became apparent that in military terms there is no comparison between Korea and Vietnam.

Whereas South Vietnam was plagued by guerrilla warfare, moving fronts and leopard spot enclaves, South Korea has a solid front along the demilitarized zone and a defence in depth behind it.

From the air it is possible to observe the extent of the defence in depth behind the demilitarized zone—a factor which the South Koreans claim has forced the communists to build the tunnels with the hope of inducing guerrillas into the South to promote unconventional warfare.

On flight over the Chonju valley bunkers and artillery sites can be seen on almost all strategic hilltops which straddle the vital lowlands leading in Seoul. It is ideal country for armoured warfare. But huge tank traps and ditches have been constructed across the valley.

After landing at the South Korean outpost near the zone today we were driven along a road through minefields towards forward positions.

Under the terms of the armistice both sides are permitted to send a limited number of troops into the run-and-half-mile-wide stretch of no man's land for inspection. Two high, parallel barbed wire fences stretch for 150 miles from east to west to mark the northern and southern perimeters of the zone.

Heath by go plane

Mr. Heath arrived in New York today on a Pan Am cargo aircraft after arrangements for his flight had fallen through. An spokesman said that permission had been given from the Federal Aviation Administration and that he had paid for his flight.

The flight Mr. Heath observer's seat in the plane was served a crew of five. Mr. Heath flew to Washington on a private jet.

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Bantustans rejected by tribes

From Michael Knipe, Cape Town, May 23.

Leaders of two tribal groups in South-west Africa have indicated that they do not favour the territory being divided up into separate independent bantustans as originally planned by the South African Government.

Mr. A. Majavero, the Chief Minister of Kavango, an embryonic territory in the north-east of South-west Africa, said yesterday: "Kavango is part of South-west Africa. We can take care of our own domestic affairs, but not the bigger matters."

He rejected the idea of his country becoming a sovereign independent state.

Chief Fillemon Elifas, the Chief Minister of the neighbouring Ovambo homeland, the population of which is 350,000, is half the total in South-west Africa, declined to be so specific, but said he believed Ovamboland should play a leading role in South-west Africa in the future because of its population majority.

The form of eventual independence is to be the subject of a constitutional conference called on an ethnic basis by the South African Government. Mr. Vorster, the Prime Minister, made it clear on Tuesday that although his Government favoured the prospect of independent bantustans in the territory, all options would be open at the conference, which would be held soon.

However, the leaders of two tribal groups, the Damaras (64,000 population) and Hereros (50,000) may not attend the Ovambo-dominated political movement the "South-West Africa People's Organization" (SWAPO) says it does not accept the proposed conference because of its ethnic nature.

Americans start to leave Laos

Vientiane, May 23.—The evacuation of Americans from Laos began here today, with a group of about 80, mainly women and children, flying to Bangkok. Their departure was delayed by students who prevented them from leaving their housing compound some four miles outside the city.

Mr. Christian Chapman, the United States Chargé d'Affaires, eventually persuaded the students to allow the Americans to leave. The students checked the Americans' cars, however, to make sure they were taking only personal belongings.

A Caravelle airliner, chartered by the embassy from Bangkok, flew to Laos today. American sources said another batch of about 80 would leave tomorrow.

The evacuation began after the Government ordered the American Agency for International Development to close all its offices in the Laotian provinces.

A student leader told the Americans: "We remain friends and we thank you for the aid which you brought to our country, but we don't want the presence of the CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] within our country." He then made them goodbye politely. Laotian-foreigners, with hands joined in front of his face.

About 170 Americans connected with the aid programme and more than 300 dependants were evacuated.

A group of 12 Americans held for a week under virtual house arrest by students in the southern town of Savannakhet left yesterday for Laos. Six officials were among the hostages, who were freed after a high-level government team visited the town, which used to be a richest stronghold before Pathet Lao forces marched in.

Refugees return: South Vietnamese refugees who fled to Laos during the fighting have begun to return to their homes, according to reports from Saigon. The Gai Phong Liberation radio reported that a total of 2,300 refugees had left by ship for their homes in the central and northern provinces. Another group of 300 families had left for villages around Saigon.

Convoy of refugees are seen leaving Saigon each day in military or civilian lorries. The radio said the refugees were being provided with money, food and other facilities to enable them to get started.

The refugees' telegram service has restarted in Saigon. Most factories are also back in operation.

Pentagon silent on reported troop moves

Washington, May 23.—The Pentagon has refused to confirm or deny a report in The New York Times that North Korea had massed two armoured divisions near the demilitarized zone ready to invade the South.

The newspaper said that the divisions had moved towards the zone in the past two weeks. It added that North Korea apparently thought that the American people would oppose any war on the Asian mainland, regardless of commitments.

Asked to comment, Pentagon sources emphasized that South Korean troops and the United States 31st Air Division were stationed just south of the demilitarized zone and were equipped and trained to meet various eventualities.

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Girl says she heard shots after Tanzania kidnap

Nairobi, May 23.—An American student, from the chimpanzee research station in central Africa that was raided by gunmen on Monday, said she heard shots about 15 minutes after the raid. She said about 40 men took part in the attack. She agreed with other witnesses that the attackers were definitely looking for white people to take away.

"They captured a Tanzanian woman working in the camp, but they let her go saying: 'We want the white people'." Miss Pearce told a press conference here on her arrival from Tanzania.

Miss Pearce said that people at the camp believed that the attackers were from Zaire because they spoke Lingala, a local language, as well as French and appeared to come across Lake Tanganyika from the Zaire side.

"I don't know what group they are in Zaire, but I assume they came from across the lake," she said. "I think it was probably a political act."

Dar es Salaam, May 23.—Police searching for the kidnappers today moved in on the last known camp site of the raiders. Reports reaching here said powerful radio equipment was found in the camp.

Earlier this week the Chinese sent a similar message to the Communist Party of Burma, which has been damaged badly by a recent anti-guerrilla campaign.

China spurs on Indonesian communists

From Our Own Correspondent, Peking, May 23.

China today called on the banned Indonesian Communist Party to carry out an armed struggle in pursuit of its aims.

In a message marking the fifth anniversary of the Indonesian party's formation, the central committee of the Chinese party said the party in Indonesia was facing "temporary difficulties", but would triumph in the end.

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Correction

Mr. J. A. Patterson, the law-acting Mr. John Stoughton in Melbourne, has asked us to make clear, which we are happy to do, that he did not advise Mr. Stoughton that it was not in his interest to fight extradition in Australia but rather to return to England without resting as reported in The Times of May 7.

Mr. Ford sees new era in US policy

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of the Vietnam war.

the House of Representatives vote this week against the Vietnam War, and Mr. Ford's approval of his effort to end the war.

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Junta men held in Athens

Athens, May 23.—A retired major, who was formerly director of an Athens hospital, was remanded in custody today in connection with incidents at Athens Polytechnic in November, 1973, when at least 34 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured.

Mr. Vasilios Bouklakos, former administrative director of Athens emergency hospital, was charged by Mr. Christophoros Christophorides, an examining magistrate, with beating wounded students who had been taken there for treatment. He was also accused of illegal possession of arms and insulting patients.

About 30 Army and police officers have been charged in connection with the clashes, when troops stormed the Polytechnic building to evict about 5,000 students who were demanding the resignation of the military junta which collapsed last July.

Security police also arrested seven more leading members of the former junta today. They were among 24 people charged in an indictment last night with high treason and insurrection. They were committed for trial.

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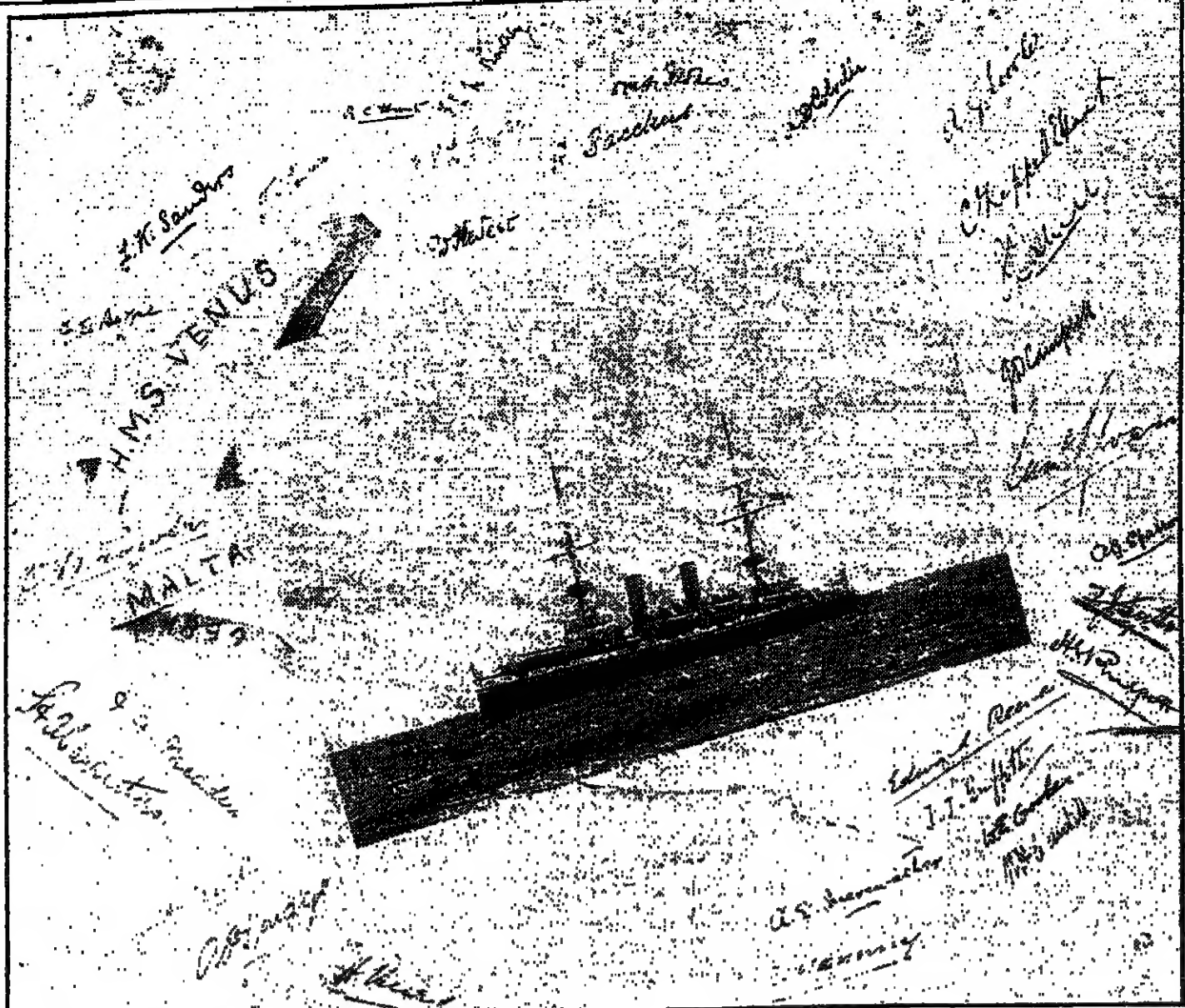
In one of my childhood books, I think *The Water-Babies*, there was a region inhabited by lost toys. If you could reach it, you would find all the dolls, teddy-bears and beloved objects that disappeared mysteriously when you were young.

I think there must be another place for lost books. We have so many books that moving them from house to house is like moving 10 tons of coal, yet if I want a particular one, it is always missing. And not only books. We once had a painting by Alfred Wallace, a little oblong of cardboard on which sailed a single ghostly ship. It used to stand on the shelf over the fireplace then, one day, it was no longer there. Where had it gone? Not into the fire because the grate was unused. At that time we were living in a house where strange things happened. Three cups and saucers disappeared from the kitchen cupboard and reappeared a fortnight later. No one could account for them. Two large Japanese water-flowers, that I had bought for the children of friends, were taken from sealed packets and put into a vase of real flowers. When I reproached my husband, the only other person in the house, he was bewildered: he had never heard of Japanese water-flowers. Neither of us was guilty yet there they bloomed, uselessly, among the daffodil stalks. A Victorian academician was said to haunt the studio he had built at the bottom of our garden and I think he sometimes found his way into the house.

But the most disturbing loss of all did not occur in that house—though I cannot be sure. We had a row of pewter pots that stood on top of the dresser. Because they looked much alike, it was a long time before I discovered that one—the only one of value to me—was missing. It had been given to my father on his twenty-first birthday and was inscribed on the side with his initials, "O. M.". On the bottom, in copper-plate, was written "Oliver Manning, 21st April, 1880".

During the long, despairing search for it, going again and again to look in the same places, I began to think about my father and how few of his possessions remained. Having taken him so long for granted, I realised how much more than one's self. He did not belong merely to another generation, he belonged to history. I remembered the stories he had told us, his own unique stories, and my brother being dead, I was the only one left to remember them.

He was born in Clerkenwell, the youngest of 11 brothers, and it was the owner of a Clerkenwell pewter factory who gave him the inscribed pewter mug. By the time he was born the family had run out of ordinary names like George and Arthur, and he was christened Oliver after Oliver Cromwell. His father, a house painter, was an ordinary artisan when sober but when drunk would thump the table and swear he was the illegitimate son of the Earl of Warwick. I probably inherited this gift for fantasy as I was always in trouble at school for making similar romantic claims. His mother died of consumption when he was a small child. His only memory of her was a face at the window when, lifted out of bed by Guy Fawkes' Day, she watched the boys making a bonfire in the garden. The family split up and my father went to live with his eldest brother, George. No one thought of sending him to school. He spent his days running about the London streets and teaching himself to read by spelling out the playbills pasted on the walls. He sang well and was a natural comic so his brother imagined he might make a fortune on the stage. At the time, however, arranged with some good-natured music-hall artist, but my father could not be persuaded to sing a note. Then a wonderful thing happened. How or why it happened I never knew, but he was taken on to a Royal Naval training-ship. His rank was Boy and he was still a very small boy but those in authority over him accepted that fact without sentiment. He told us how, early on dark winter mornings, he and the other boys were beaten up the rigging with a rope's end, their bare feet sticking to the frosted rungs. On one occasion the boys were sent up in mid-winter to dress the ship overall for a royal visit and ordered to remain aloft till the visitors departed. But the royal party remained so long at the feast that two of the boys fainted from cold and fell to their deaths on the deck below. The training-ship of those days were little better than the prison hulks that lay off Sheerness but to the street boys who were taken on board, fed and educated, the ship was home. They would tap their ship's biscuit on the table to knock out the weeds and for sport they caught gigantic black beetles, struck lighted candles on their backs and ran races. Several times a beetle had made its escape into the wooden walls and set them on fire.



When my father became a First Class Boy, he was sent on his first ship, the *Impregnable*, to the West Indies. As was usual in those days, the commission was seven years but at the end of the term, his company was ordered to remain for another seven years. During the 14 years of his absence all his 10 brothers died of consumption and when he returned home, he found himself alone in the world. For most of his time in the West Indies, he was stationed at Bermuda, where he saw the land crabs, at evening, crowded together on the shore. There were thousands of them and, suddenly, at exactly the same moment, the crabs would click their claws and a loud cre-ek would echo across the sand. It was from the Bermuda station that the two ill-fated ships, the *Eurydice* and the *Atlanta*, left for home, each carrying a comet—my father and his brother. My father watched her go. A wonderful sight, he said, as she sailed in the sunset and passed behind Hamilton Point. Off the island of Wight, while carrying all possible sail, she was struck by a snowstorm, overturned and sank with the loss of all on board, save two seamen who were found clinging to a life-belt. The two men, Cuddiford and Fletcher, were round the country fairs with the life-belt and made so much money they were able to drink themselves to death.

In 1879 the *Atlanta* reached Bermuda and was moored at the very berth which had held the *Eurydice*. After 10 days making ready for the return journey, the *Atlanta* set out as the sun was sinking, with the band on the quay playing *Home, Sweet Home*, and my father watching and wishing he were going with her. But not everyone felt that way. Four men, sentenced for offences against naval discipline, were being taken on board when they fell on their knees and begged the warders to send them on some other ship, any ship but the *Atlanta*. No one heeded them. The four, three sailors and a marine, were hauled down to the hold and put in irons. The *Atlanta*, aglow with the sunset, passed behind Hamilton Point and was never seen again. Nothing was ever found of her: not a life-belt, not a spar, none of the hundred and one objects that float free from a sinking ship. Her fate is a mystery to this day.

My father once took us to the Dockyard Museum to see the figure-head of the *Eurydice*. It portrayed *Eurydice* sinking back into hell, her long wooden face and long, long hands upraised in anguish as she went. Round her long neck hung the telescope of the signalman, just as they had found it when the ship was raised.

We knew by heart the names of my father's ships. The ones he most often recalled were the *Bellerophon*, the *Diamond*, the *Venus*, the *Imperieuse*, the *Andromache*, the *Diadem*, the *Northampton* and the *Powerful*, but there had been others: the *Squirrel*, the *Lerwick*, the *Swift*, the *Bustard*, the *Pembroke* and the shore stations, *Vernon*, *Excellent* and *Whale Island*, the gunnery school, where we went to children's parties. A friend had had some of these names engraved on a silver napkin-ring, inscribed "To A Jolly Good Fellow". Shortly before his death, I persuaded my father to remember the remaining ships right down to his war service on patrol boats and in *Haslar Camp*, and I had the ring completed. That, at least, I still have.

One of his captains was Jackie Fisher, who may have done a fine job organizing the navy but was hated by the men under him. My father delighted in imitating Jackie's arrogant, nasal voice which seemed to express his contempt for the

Voyages around my father

by Olivia Manning

whole human race. One Christmas, alcohol would be allowed on board. The men smuggled in rum and Jackie waited until it had had its effect. "You've had your Christmas," he said, "and now it's mine." He cunningly routed the drunk men from their hiding-places and meted out punishment. He was notorious for his lack of humour. A lower deck artist had painted on the forecastle wall, a sailor standing at the salute. This greatly amused work fooled Jackie into returning the salute. Realising his error, he swung round on his heel and pretended he was saluting the men following him. He said nothing but next day ordered the forecastle to be repainted throughout. Years later, when an admiral, he was being piped aboard the *Powerful* when a sailor whispered "That's Jackie!" Ever alert, Jackie caught his name. "Yes, that's Jackie!" he agreed with venom and silence came down on the company.

Even worse than Jackie, we thought, was the admiral's wife who perjured the Siamese kittens. The kittens had been presented to the crew of the *Venus* while she lay off Singapore on her way to the China station. Siamese cats had not reached Europe then and the men were amazed by the friendliness, intelligence, vitality and charm of the wild kittens that chased each other up and down the rigging and into every part of the ship. My father, a great lover of cats, was enraptured by them. Then the admiral's wife came on board. The kittens amused her. It was conveyed to the men that they must, quite voluntarily of course, present her with one of them. They grumbled but were forced to obey. She took her kitten ashore and the other was left to play alone. A few days later word came that the shore-based kitten was pining for its companion and would the crew please send the second kitten to join it. So both kittens went to the admiral's wife and they played no more games up and down the rigging.

The *Venus*, a transitional ship with both sail and funnels, had been sent out to train the Japanese navy and arrived in time to put down the Boxer Uprising. My father, who had studied navigation and mathematics during the long nights at sea, was now a petty officer and gunner, and I think his years on the *Venus* were the happiest of his life. When a young man, he had married a girl called Phoebe (a name my mother particularly disliked) and after only one year of happy marriage, poor Phoebe had died in childbirth. Thirty years or more passed before he could contemplate marriage again. Meanwhile he was a very merry widower. He lent money to his married friends and did not ask for it back. He was a great teller of anecdotes and funny stories, he sang the lead in the

ship's productions of Gilbert and Sullivan, he danced beautifully and flattered the girls, he was noted for open-handedness and good humour. Then, in China, misfortune overtook him. The Boxers, abetted by the *Empress Dowager*, decided to rid their country of exploiting foreigners. The German minister was assassinated and missionaries were done to death. The Royal Navy, asserting Britain's supremacy throughout the world, sent in raiding parties that managed, in their enthusiasm, to reach Peking. The *Empress Dowager* fled with her court and the sailors broke into the royal palace, looting and destroying the fine china, rich silks and other heathen flummery. My father's party became trapped in a filthy cellar, and it was there, he was sure, he caught the fever that nearly ended his life. It may have been typhus but was more probably typhoid. His ship had to sail without him. Nursed by nuns in a convent, he recovered to find his hair had become completely white.

The Boxers were defeated, the *Empress Dowager* apologized to the Western powers and heavy penalties were exacted from a repentant China.

Those were the great days of Empire, and no proper naval man had any ridiculous ideas about the rights of lesser breeds. Earlier, my father had taken part in the bombardment of Alexandria during the Arabi revolt. Arabi was another of those unreasonable dreamers who resented the foreigners that were eating up his country. Foreigners paid no taxes. They lived richly in Egypt while the Egyptian workers starved. De Lesseps had promised that no British ship would be allowed through the canal to attack Arabi in the rear. The promise was broken. When the ships reached Ismailia, detachments were sent on horseback to Tel el Kebir where my father, taking part in a sabre battle, saw the head of his best friend lopped off and sent rolling along the ground. Arabi and his men, he said with plying contempt, were just a lot of fanatics. Who else would try to throw off Britain's beneficent rule?

In those days the climb from lower to upper deck was arduous and very slow. When my father won a silver cup "as best shot in HMS *Diamond* 1881 to 1884" he was a Gunners' Master. To reach commissioned rank he had to give some 20 years of service. If nothing else, the time factor prevented even the most able lower deck men from rising beyond the rank of commander. When he married again, my father was a lieutenant. Although admitted to the pensioning company of those for whom it had all been easy, he was too poor to mix with them. His friends were men who had had to make their own way and who kept up appearances on an inadequate income. After he retired, a small group would sometimes come to the house to discuss the important matter of "the back

pensions". It comprised men who had been recalled to active service on the outbreak of the first war. They had received pay but not the pensions which were due to them. The fight for "the back pensions" dragged on through the 'twenties and into the 'thirties and at last the Admiralty decided to settle the matter once and for all. There was to be a meeting and the case put to the vote. The pensioners' representative was a lively fellow called Bacon, a friend in whom my father had great confidence. The pensioners paid Bacon's fare to London. He attended the meeting, and, given the casting vote, voted against the men he represented. There would be no back pensions. Bacon was never seen in Portsmouth again. The whole Bacon family, which included a senior girl from my school, went to London where Bacon received paid job "of perfidy": a well-known phrase. My father, often wondered if *Bacon* was the very arbiter of correct behaviour at school, knew how her father came by his good fortune.

My father grieved not only over the defection of Bacon but the mean injustice of the whole plot, yet he remained loyal to the service he revered. After he retired, old shipmates would drop in to yarn with him. One of them told us how he had been sent to the Gold Coast to deal with the Ashanti. Cutting their way into the forest, the sailors were shocked to come upon heaps of skulls, skeletons nailed to trees, hideous idols, the stench of blood-soaked earth, and felt that by burning villages and killing rebels they brought a just retribution upon that evil place. The two old pensioners dodged, apparently, never doubting that the British empire, sustained by the British navy, was the greatest force for good the world had ever known.

My father's last commission was to Australia. He had gone there before, in early days, and been overwhelmed by gifts of peaches and enormous bunches of grapes. On his second visit he found the canning factories were putting the peaches and grapes into tins, but he loved the place and would have retired there could anything in the world have induced my mother to make the move.

The happy days did not completely end with his second marriage but they were much depleted. Then, an Ulster Presbyterian, was firmly against alcoholic liquor and saw through my father's friends. He had found no fault in them but what a collection of schemers and drunken spongers they became when my mother described them to us. How much they had taken from him and never repaid! My father, smiling sheepishly, suffered these disabilities in silence but later he would explain to us that human beings were merely human. One had to be kind. One had to be tolerant and hope for tolerance in return. He would tell us about poor old Langley to whom he had lent his savings, nearly five hundred pounds. How could Langley return the money? He had been adept at putting on gold leaf but the discovery of a mechanical process had thrown him out of work. He had struggled to survive but while my father was at sea, Langley had starved to death. When his body was found, there was nothing in the room but a kitchen chair and a piece of newspaper that held the last fragments of a pennyworth of chips. Then came scandal for his wife, who had left him, was summoned to the inquest and arrived in a fur coat. "What a wiggling the magistrate gave her!" said my father. And there was Boothby, "the only chap to get the better of the money-lenders". Boothby had borrowed a thousand pounds at a ruinous rate of interest, spent it on riotous living and killed

himself by drinking a bottle of Chloridine. There was also, I am sorry to say, the story of the large gold piece that was known in our house as "the five pound gold piece". It lived, for safety, on the top of a wardrobe and my mother thought it both dangerous and absurd to keep so much money wrapped up in a single coin. It had a filigree ornament attached so it could be hung on a watch-chain and had been the treasured possession of a man who needed five pounds. He asked my father to take it as security, promising to return it but he never came. Twenty years had passed and my father still kept faith. My mother scoffed, telling him he was a fool, and I was equally foolish. I hoarded about our ownership of the gold piece and one day a stout, elderly, little American came to the door and said he wanted to buy it. My father refused. The American, who managed to make his way into the living room, said he had five sons and he wished to take each of them a five pound gold piece but, oddly enough, these pieces had become rare. He had been able to find only four and badly wanted a fifth. My mother was willing to sell. My father shook his head and my mother ran from the room in anger. The American refused to leave. He talked and talked and at last my father, quite worn down, let him have the coin for five pounds and five shillings. Two weeks later England went off the gold standard and the five pound piece would have been worth thirty pounds. A vast sum to us. My mother, forgetting the part she had played, said it was all my fault. I could never be trusted to keep my mouth shut. Many years later, seeing the harvest moon rising from behind the houses of Jerusalem, I thought of the gold piece, and was stricken with remorse because of the loss of it.

How sad that our lives decline towards their end! My father could not bear the thought of retirement. He had been saved by the 1914 war and saw the general strike as a second reprieve. He hurried down to the town hall to offer his services. They asked him "Could you take a boat across the harbour?" He proudly answered "Yes, or round the world if you like."

He closely resembled George V and had been mistaken for the king while on the royal yacht. Even the worst days of the "hever" campaign could not persuade him to shave off his beard. He had a simple, almost medieval, belief in the virtue of kings and on Christmas Day would weep when the king—it did not matter which king—spoke to the people. He used to tell us a story about Edward VII, a favourite of his. On some agricultural occasion, an old farmer was presented to the king and given a cup of tea. The farmer poured his tea into the saucer and the courtiers sniggered. To teach them a lesson, the king poured his own tea into the saucer and drank like the farmer. In that perfection of courtesy my father saw the essence of kingship.

He was a terrible Tory, of course, and he and I argued furiously about politics, but he was by nature so generous, so charitable towards others, so eager to help, that it was impossible to quarrel with him. Because he had always

looked younger than his years, he imagined he would never grow old. His deterioration began with the death of my brother, killed in the Fleet Air Arm in 1941. For a year he would not speak and could scarcely be persuaded to eat. I was in Egypt and unable to get home. My parents, feeling they had nothing left to lose, remained in Portsmouth during the bombing when nearly every neighbouring house stood empty. Very slowly my father's zest for life returned. In the hope of distracting him, my mother would send him round the remaining shops in search of food. He was losing his sight and the human spirit having sunk low in those dire times, the shop girls would cheat him because he could not see what he was getting. My mother blamed him. He would flirt with the girls.

In his ninetieth year, blind and suffering one bronchial attack after another, he said sadly: "I never thought I would break up like this." I rallied him: "Come on, now, you could live another 10 years." He was on his death-bed, but his face lit up at the thought of 10 more years of life in a world he had loved so much.

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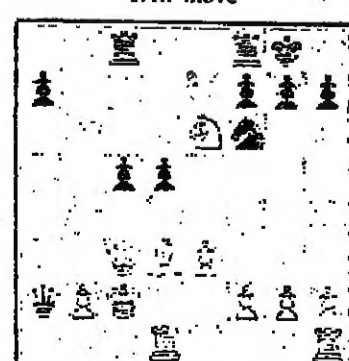
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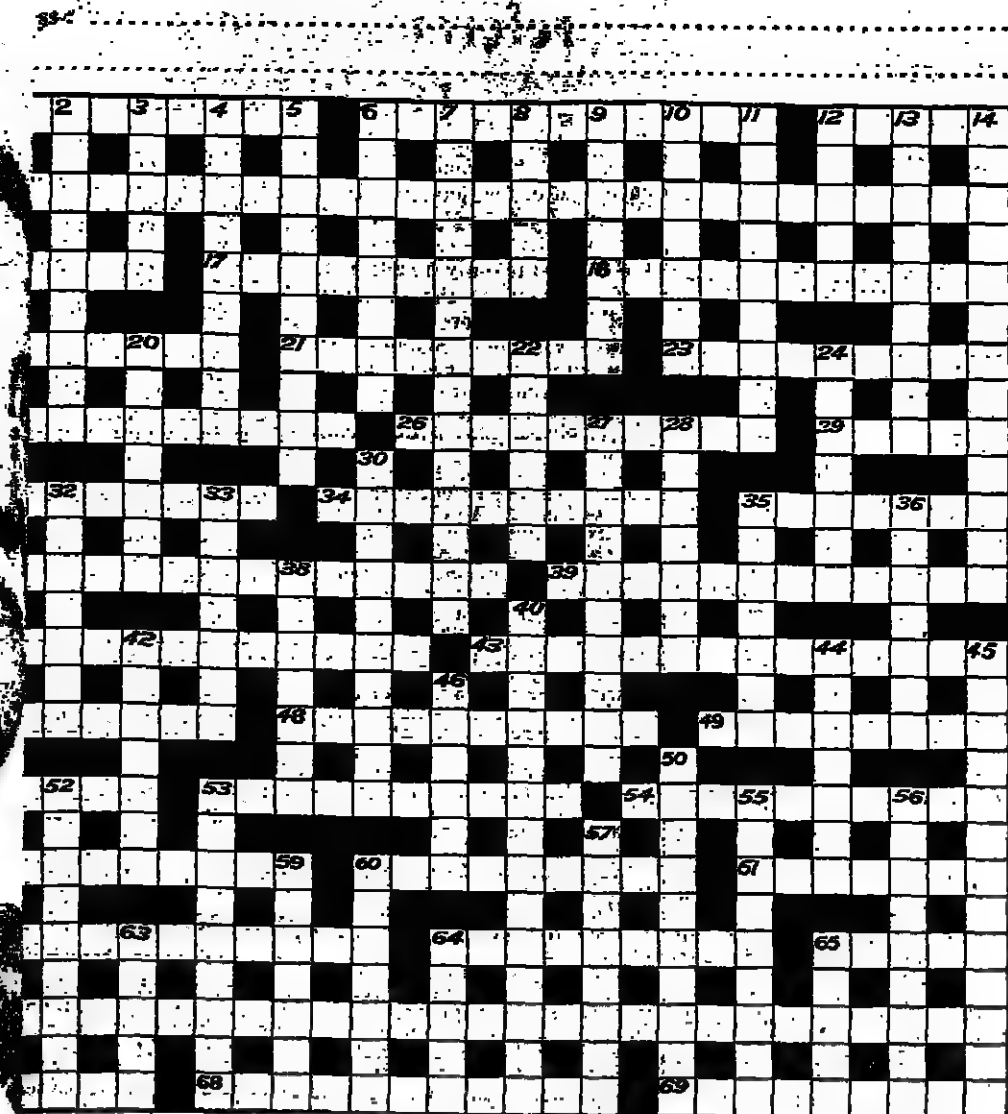


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ACROSS

- 1 Veronica wishes racing men bon voyage (9).
- 6 Fiscal disaster following physical torture (4, 3, 4).
- 12 Great actor in a very minor role (5).
- 15 Declaration of a pretty inadequate dowry (2, 4, 2, 2, 7, 3, 3, 4).
- 16 Do better than a swimmer who's about ninety (5).
- 17 Some tongue? Or try a spring-time vegetable (5-4).
- 18 Engravings on a man-of-war? (5-6).
- 19 Newspaper for accountants (7).
- 21 The pro is driving (9).
- 23 Black-capped judge for instance (9).
- 25 Like Dr Spooner's fish, only partly cooked (4-6).
- 26 What Americans pay for inexperienced footballers (10).
- 29 Joshua's fellow-spy confined to barracks without drink (5).
- 31 Cunningly secretes four asses (8).
- 34 Where old William's son risked being kicked (10).
- 35 Egyptian god consumes simple fruit drink (7).
- 37 Translating Australian into German for instance (14).
- 39 41 at has been changed, note, to a woman of many parts (12).
- 41 Capital game now in USA (6, 6).
- 43 Served by the assistant to Dukas's sorcerer (14).

47 How to make two score? (7).

- 48 Supporting part for Horatio finally (10).
- 49 Pa said no anyhow, so stop it (8).
- 51 Money in The Old Curiosity Shop (5).
- 53 Ho's progressive but uninspired (10).
- 54 First class chap—one of the best (10).
- 58 Subway, such as the St Gotthard tunnel? (9).
- 60 The élite got weaving to produce this paper (5-4).
- 61 Biscuit broken at a fair (7).
- 62 Art not right—in test it appears mundane (11).
- 64 OK, one must repair the old banger (9).
- 65 Cocks eye, say, at these fruity bits (5).
- 66 Daffodils for instance were irrelevant, said Ko-ko (7, 4, 5, 2, 3, 6).
- 67 Union leader among many—eating this when on strike? (5).
- 68 Ability to judge when mind centres are deranged? (11).
- 69 House a diplomat might perhaps desire—New York—holds 100 (9).

DOWN

- 1 Doctor who periodically rambled, when not idle (6, 7).
- 2 Smith goes up and down organising a cult, serving its purpose (9).
- 3 "Graceful" description of the French state (5).
- 4 English churchman rather than oriental gunman (9).
- 5 Swimmer who relies on sugar cubes? (10).
- 6 Soldier—one after plunder? (8).
- 7 With which one once surveyed comic turn—refer for alteration (14).
- 8 Borders 31's quarter, without objection (5).
- 9 Star's off-stage furniture? (7).
- 10 53 ac types such as Long John Silver (7).
- 11 Let's change innings—they agree according to Belloc (9).
- 12 Form of sea-shore merchandise (5).
- 13 Effort's cars—what a joke! (9).

- 14 Makes new deal concerning underworld dues (13).
- 20 When the trombone number will next appear in the calendar (3, 4).
- 22 Foresighted future racers perhaps (6).
- 24 For property lapsing to the Crown the case is different (7).
- 27 But he shouldn't give his fiancée the brush-off (9).
- 28 Tank thus put up a bird (7).
- 30 As touchy as rush-hour strap-hangers? (10).
- 32 Like the school of Byron and Shelley (Southey) or Mills (Blake) (7).
- 33 Measure of a modern weapon (formerly this was Arthur's we hear) (7).
- 35 In which a master is a form of nawab (7).
- 36 The copper ones held a mystery for the great detective (7).
- 38 Ran off as old Bob slept (7).
- 40 It helps us see eye to eye (14).
- 41 39 involved in Farquhar's stratagem (4, 9).
- 42 He's anti work—quite a problem (7).
- 44 Fear of a one-time pilot perhaps (7).
- 45 Keen-eyed person may look so boring? (13).
- 46 A bit of dinner taken by trainees (6).
- 50 Pirate gets a kick out of being independent? (10).
- 52 Snakeweed, leading toward red ruin (9).
- 53 Forced to get round the law as the solicitor did (9).
- 55 Their jobs may include rackets—substitute racehorses? (9).
- 56 Rice often cooked for the monks' meal (9).
- 57 His books hitherto unknown? It's possible (8).
- 59 Affronts the Aurora Australis? (7).
- 60 Roadwear causing total disorder in church (7).
- 63 What's the betting we find archdeacons in Tokyo? (5).
- 64 Chanay introduces himself to fruit (5).
- 65 Campaspe's victim at cards (5).

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The Gothick mood



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Dog should not eat dog; but I really must take issue with my friend Jeffrey Daniels whose review of the Gothick show at the Brighton Museum (The Times, May 8) struck me as unfair. Indeed, having attended the exhibition on its opening day, I could hardly believe that he said I had walked under the same fan vaulting. As Mr. Daniels says, the Gothick show is in the tradition of previous Brighton shows, such as *Death, Heaven and the Victorians* or the show about the British Raj in India—which I consider marvellously evocative, but he thinks merely a "clutter of miscellaneous material" illustrating "a normally camp theme".

He quotes the organizer of the present show, Duncan Simpson, who writes: "It is the mood of the Gothick that this exhibition tries to recapture." On this, Mr. Daniels, not exactly renowned for his Cripplegate frugality, comments righteously: "In the current economic climate, such a voracious and hardly seems to warrant borrowing on such a vast scale from all over the country (the list of lenders, headed by the Queen, fills three and a half columns)".

Surely it is unfair to mock the organizer's diligence and thoroughness in drawing upon as many sources of relevant material as possible? If Brighton had taken its exhibits wholesale from the Victoria and Albert Museum (which would have been perfectly feasible) Mr. Daniels would have had a legitimate grudge—and we may be sure he would have voiced it.

The Brighton show does conjure up, in a quite astonishing way considering the low budget (about £4,000), the atmosphere and the physical presence of that fanciful and gleefully horrorstruck phase of the Gothick Revival, which we call the Gothick (c.1720-1840) to distinguish it from the deadly serious Oxford-Movement Gothic Revival of the later Victorian period. We all remember (and, if we don't, there is Mr. Simpson's admirable catalogue introduction to remind us of it) the hilarious send-up of this fashion in *Northanger Abbey*.

Mr. Daniels should remember that neither the works on show nor the exhibition

which contains them were produced exclusively for the benefit of the Court and the Courtiers. The Gothick show is a revival of a revival, and it is to be hoped that it will give us a glimpse of the Gothick mood as it was in the 18th century. The Gothick show is a revival of a revival, and it is to be hoped that it will give us a glimpse of the Gothick mood as it was in the 18th century.

are illustrated here. As an example of what can be achieved with less capital and much luck, John Morley, Director of the Royal Pavilion and the Brighton Museum, bought locally for only £50 a couch designed by William Porden, with carved Gothic style tracery and octagonal legs, and made for Eaton Hall, Cheshire. This mahogany piece was illustrated in *Views of Eaton Hall*, by J. and J. C. Buckler, and you can see the couch in the permanent collections of the Brighton Museum. A shop which often has good Gothick furniture is Leeson's, 68 and 99 Piccadilly Road, SW1.

Many of the books on show at Brighton are from the stock of B. Weir, 43 Great Russell Street, WC1. Mr.

Weir has the first issue of Bentley's *Gray's Poems*, in contemporary call, at £185. Gray was a great lover of the Gothick, and the essay on Gothick architecture in Bentley's *History and Antiquities of the Conventual and Cathedral Church of Ely* (1771)—which Mr. Weir has at £180—was frequently attributed to Gray. Other Gothick books at Weir's are *Storer's Fonthill* (1812) at £45; *Rutter's Fonthill* (1823) with 15 colour plates, at £125; *Pyne's Royal Residences* (Ackermann, 1819), with 100 colour plates, at £450; and the 1754 first edition of Chippendale's *Gentleman and Cabinet Maker's Director* at £425. Another excellent dealer in Gothick books is Paul Grinke, 38 Devonshire Place, W1 (appointments only, 935 7566).

The best-known examples of Gothick pottery are the "apostle jugs" which used all to be called "Ridgway". Though recent scholarship has shown that many are by Meigh and other makers, the Brighton show also contains a pair of Minton vases lent by Godden of Worthing and an example (lent by Wedgwood) of the chess set designed by Flaxman for Josiah Wedgwood. A good introduction to Gothick motifs in pottery is to be found in Hugh Wakefield's *Victorian Pottery* (Barrie & Jenkins, £2.50). And incidentally, the essential primer for any collector of Gothick is Kenneth Clark's *The Gothick Revival* (John Murray, £3). A new book by an excellent art historian is *The Gothick Taste* by Terence Davis (David & Charles, £10.50).

Attractive Gothick silver can be found, such as the christening mug (London, 1837) shown at Brighton. The Gothick can also be traced through clocks, paintings, dolls' houses, busts and fans. As the Brighton show allegedly so omnivorous, and as I have lauded it so indulgently, perhaps I should redress the balance by mentioning one piece of quintessential Gothick in my own collection which is not among the Brighton exhibits. This is John Brand's *Observations on Popular Antiquities* (1777) of which the title page has a delightful vignette engraving by Ralph Beilby of Newcastle upon Tyne (the tutor of Thomas Bewick): in the background of the illustrated Gothick ruins is incorporated the spire of Newcastle Cathedral. An advertisement in the same volume reads: "Just published by the same Author, on illicit Love, Poem written among the Ruins of Godstow Nunnery near Oxford."

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are difficult days for the services. The needs for them are no less or more demanding than they have been in the past. Further improvements in the social condition of the country could be made today, could be made tomorrow, could be made in the next few years. A letter yesterday made out for a more active role for the Government in the social field. Other strong claimants in the queue, but more a control of public expenditure has now become the national priority. Money not available for all those services for which a case can be made. This is all the more necessary that whatever can be done in the most effective way, which means the evaluation of existing social programmes, and particular significance to the official thinking in this

is contained in a Cabinet on a Joint Approach to Policy (JASP), which is in the current of the *Times Educational Supplement*. JASP proposes a review every six months by the ministers concerned to the strategy of social policy, improvements in what the information base of social policy, principally by up a special "social" of senior statisticians, the Central Statistical and short-term studies of the areas of social policy. Weakness in the formation of policy has been recognized some time and there are previous attempts to machinery to correct it.

SPITE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

agreement to extend the of the United Nations agreement observer force (F) on the Golan Heights other six months, and earlier this week, is the best place of news to from the Middle East since Israel-Syria disengagement sent itself was reached a year ago. Only "per" because, like almost any in the Middle East, it is to several different interests, the darkest of which is that a new war is about to break out. If it was to launch another offensive like that of 1973, it is certainly not F that would stop them; they were about to launch a surprise attack they presumably try to conceal, as they did in 1973, by a screen of diplomatic untruths.

It is true that Israel has so far the Syrians absolutely courageously to think that it will ever be able to recover sole of their occupied territories peaceful methods, and it only last Sunday that Mr. officially confirmed his in of building a permanent settlement on Egyptian land, at Sharm el-Sheikh. It is this week that Mr. Abd in Khaddam, the Syrian Minister, was reported as saying "that Syria unequivocally believes that there is no active to war in order to liberate the occupied Arab territories" and that the Geneva "ence for direct negotiations solve nothing because the enemy did not want to raw". But perhaps his would not have appeared so unequivocal if they had been filtered through the um of the official Libyan agency.

Other possible interpretation apparently favoured in official circles in Israel, is that Syria is not ready for war yet, almost certainly true, from purely military considerations, the Syrian regime

The PESC (Public Expenditure Survey Committee) and PAR (Programme Analysis and Review) systems have together created an instrument for examining where the real choices lie in the allocation of resources in the public sector over a five-year period. Expenditure has been presented by programme, not simply by departmental vote, so that it has been easier to see how much is devoted and in what ways to a given purpose. But this does not ensure that the choice between alternative forms of expenditure will be made according to the most rational criteria unless there is careful assessment of the value of rival programmes.

This has been conspicuously lacking in the social field, despite various attempts to secure closer coordination between the ministries concerned. Part of the difficulty is that there are in fact so many ministries concerned in social policy: the Treasury, Home Office, Department of Health and Social Security, Education and Environment—apart from the Scottish and Welsh Offices. Social policy is not equally important to all these ministries so it is perhaps only to be expected that they are not equally devoted to the principle of coordination. In some cases the ethos of the ministry is actively against it. But it is not only that the spirit is not often willing. The task is not easy because frequently the comparison is not between like and like.

Takes the example of problem families. Will they be helped more by better housing, improved schools, in educational priority areas, more social workers or higher cash payments? There is no simple way of determining the right mix, no obvious yardstick by which these contributions may

be quantified and measured. The problem is further complicated by the fact that public expenditure on housing, for instance, is not devoted solely to the relief of problem families. It is not enough to appreciate that choices have to be made between spending for this purpose in these different areas: the tools have to be provided for making these choices on more informed and logical grounds.

It follows that the proposed regular meetings of ministers in this field could only be as valuable as the information fed to them. This does not mean statistical information only. There are certain matters where everything depends on the proper interpretation of the relevant figures. The relationship between tax and social welfare payments—where the tax credit scheme that the present Government slaughtered would have brought a notable improvement—is one example. The proliferation of means tested benefits is another. But the JASP initiative could even prove positively damaging if it were to encourage the illusion in the social field that what cannot be measured does not exist. Certain value judgments do have to be made, but value judgments based so far as possible upon research and evidence. The test of these proposals, if they are put into operation, will be whether they do in fact provide for a sufficient advance in this direction. That is where legitimate doubts may lie. But the principle on which the paper is based is absolutely right and deserves the warmest support. Until there is effective monitoring of the results of different programmes across departmental boundaries British social policy will remain too often a succession of leaps in the dusk.

them right. Thus they can now envisage his meeting with President Ford tomorrow, being with relative equanimity, being confident that he will urge on the Americans the need for progress on all fronts and satisfaction for all parties.

Of course President Sadat has claimed that he was doing that all along. What has changed is that the Syrians now apparently believe him; and something must have happened to convince them that a six-month respite would be diplomatically useful. Such a signal must presumably have originated in Washington, though whether it reached Damascus directly, via Cairo, or via Vienna and Moscow it is hard to guess. Perhaps it took the form of an assurance that the Geneva Conference would definitely reopen within six months; or perhaps that any new American pre-Geneva initiative would have to affect Golan as well as Sinai; or maybe both.

President Ford said yesterday that after his meetings with Mr. Sadat and Mr. Rabin "we will lay out what we think is the best solution". That is probably not quite what he meant, but it does seem that Washington is coming round to the view that it will have to play a more positive role in defining the terms of a settlement. The Israel government is apparently still dead set against this, and believes that it has won a tactical victory over the United States Administration by getting seventy-six United States senators to sign a letter to the President demanding further aid for Israel. But it is most unlikely that all the senators of this letter (who include Senator George McGovern) really wish to deprive the Administration of any diplomatic leverage over Israel. Some of them at least see the force of the Administration's argument that to do so is not necessarily in the interest of Israel herself. Peace will not be achieved without Israeli concessions, and peace after all is what America and Israel both want.

ostracized is the result of revolution on the part of the Egyptian authorities and their descendants to public performances of the music of two men who were so closely identified with Nazism—Wagner and the spiritual source of Hitler's antisemitism and Strauss as his sycophantic lackey. Wagner and Strauss are ludicrous. There are probably more musicians and orchestras per capita in Israel than in any other country in the world. Equally absurd is the charge of racism against Strauss because they were Germans, but because of what they stood for. There is no "ban" on Beethoven, Brahms or Bruckner.

It is one thing to criticize the intrusion of politics into culture. It is indefensible to bracket Israel with those guilty of the mass murder of millions of Jews. Yours faithfully, JACOB GEWIRTZ, Executive Director, defence and group relations department, Board of Deputies of British Jews, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

The Mayaguez incident

From Mr Christopher Wood
Sir, I do not feel convinced, as your leading article (May 15) suggested, that the seizure by Cambodia of the

American cargo boat Mayaguez was "clearly an act of piracy—indeed... an act of war." Cambodia has clearly stated that the vessel was held on suspicion of spying within her territorial waters. The Pentagon has been the first to announce that both crew and cargo were recovered unharmed. If Prince Sihanouk's government failed to give "any immediate response", the fault lies in the poor American attitude to recognition of new non-capitalist regimes.

In the event, the attack on gunboats of a state theoretically at peace with the United States which were carrying out normal policing duties, within 24 hours of a successful attempt to make proper diplomatic contact, does smack of senseless aggression itself.

A precedent has been set, and Britain must consider her position carefully before proceeding against any American submarine or Russian trawler which might in the future be found lurking off her coast or near her oil rigs. The super powers have finally come into the open; at least one of them has now effectively repudiated the concept of the territorial waters. We know where we stand if nothing else. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER WOOD, Banbury, Church Fields, Hurspiertown, Hassocks, Sussex.

A redefinition of the place and functions of universities

From Professor Ralf Dahrendorf

Sir, The current debate about the future of universities is curiously oblique, not to say beside the point, and this deficiency should be corrected.

The fact that universities in Britain find themselves in low water is neither surprising nor in itself a cause for alarm. At a time of economic constraint, one would indeed expect centres of learning to make a considered contribution to the common good. Universities have done this. Without much fuss or clamour they have adjusted their expenditure over the last year to a shortfall of some 5 per cent of expected income. The LSE, for example, has accepted a moratorium on the filling of 16 academic and 30 non-academic vacancies; substantial savings have been made in other respects. Moreover, university teachers have fallen far behind in their salaries without becoming militant, and their recent threats of more spectacular action must surely be understandable, misconceived though they may be. It would be difficult to name other institutions which have behaved with as much responsibility as universities.

But what seems to be happening at the moment is not merely a common effort of government and universities to get through a difficult stretch, but a redefinition of the place of universities, and of their relationship with government.

The press reported the Minister of State for Higher Education as saying that in the coming years priorities (of expenditure presumably) may have to be redefined. This may well be so. But it is important that the issue is not prejudged by the way in which it is raised. Take the statements apparently made by the Minister of State: "A deterioration of the staff-student ratio, from 1:10 to 1:12, an intensification of the use of facilities by 1 per cent creates 2,500 undergraduate places. A switch from research to teaching saves millions of pounds. A reduction in the proportion of postgraduate to undergraduate students from 1:3 to 1:4 creates 2,500 places for undergraduates as does a reduction of overseas students to 5 per cent. Might it not be argued that these statements imply a clear priority not only for economics (which of course are a sad need rather than a priority) but for teaching, and a reduction in numbers taught by hook or by crook?"

I am of course a newcomer to the British scene, and I appreciate that student numbers in Britain are apparently lower than in most other European countries (although figures of those actually completing

degrees are more relevant and less different). But whatever one's views about expansion are, surely priorities in higher education must be essentially qualitative. If this fact is forgotten, one of the most distinguished university systems in the world may well lose its distinction.

May I make the following points:

1 Universities provide the unique opportunity of learning in a climate of openness, in which assumptions are questioned and new ways explored. Maintaining their ability to teach without dogma or even immediate function is essential for the survival of a free society.

2 Universities are places of research which, whether fundamental or applied, contribute to the ability of a country to adjust to changing conditions, and indeed to adjust conditions to changing demands.

3 Universities generally have a national base, but they are by definition international institutions; they link more than just the academic community and symbolize, if they do not create, the ability of countries to take their place in the world.

4 Universities set the tone for other parts of the educational system. If they are turned into places of conveyor-belt teaching, their dullness will soon permeate other institutions as well as make them places of suffocation rather than inspiration.

I am sorry they are such obvious points, but at a time at which a shift from postgraduates to undergraduates, from research to teaching might become public policy there may be a place for some home truths as well. Indeed I would add one final observation, and that in great seriousness: we in the universities can live with difficult days, tighten the belt and squeeze what ever fat may be left; but some of the "priorities" apparently discussed at present might lead to a point which involves the cutting of limbs so as to mutilate the substance of universities. This must not happen. I am sure that many of us would appreciate a confirmation by those who are in a position to shape national policy that it is our common task to preserve and improve the great treasures in our trust, universities.

Yours sincerely, RALF DAHRENDORF, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2, May 23.

Standards lowered in 'precipitate' expansion

From Professor R. V. Jones

Sir, Your very interesting leader of May 17 on the situation in the universities should recall for some the correspondence in your columns following the Robbins Report of 1963.

A few of us who had been pressing for an intelligent expansion of higher education since 1945, and before, foresaw that now the expansion had at last been endorsed it was to be carried out in a manner so precipitate and ill-conceived as to defeat our main purpose, which was to increase the economic and intellectual potential of the country as well as offering the wider merits of a university education as we saw it to all who could thereby benefit. When we expressed our concern we and you, Sir, encountered little but criticism from the belated majority who now supported expansion.

To quote from a contemporary article: "Dr R. V. Jones, Professor of Natural Philosophy at Aberdeen, used to have a splendid reputation as a practical joker, but he has now grown tired of the heads for the doubtful distinction of being known as an unworkman. For weeks now, on the BBC and in the columns of *The Times*, he has been crying a dirge on the theme that shortages of university teachers will make it impossible to reach more students without lowering academic standards." Since *The Times*, for reasons of its own, is opposed to the liberalization of the universities, it is no wonder that Professor Jones has been promoted Top Letter Writer for a week or so. His argument is not merely suspicious but inaccurate.

Well, what has in fact happened? Standards, of entry at least, have been lowered. In one of our first year Natural Philosophy tutorials this year we found that none of 20 students could do more than a semicircle is a right angle, despite the fact that all have nominally passed Scottish or English examinations at the higher level in mathematics and physics. And even those who so proudly condemned the fact that "more means worse" have had to euphemize their disillusion into "more means different".

The Robbins expansion was to have continued UGC policy for a greater increase in science and technology than in arts and law. The lengthy deliberation and the seeking of counsel's opinion, my claim for some £100 was refused, quoting the precedent of Bolton v Stone (1951) that when a cricket ball leaves the ground, the club is not liable for the damage it causes.

I am therefore apparently left with the alternative of either going to my own insurers or obtaining the money from the cricket club. In the first place I don't feel that my house policy should be called upon to pay for an action accountable to someone else, and in the second, an awful lot of unpleasantness must result from my efforts with the club whose finances naturally do not cater for this supposedly incurred risk.

It is therefore advisable for everyone living within range of a cricket pitch—and probably a football ground, or other venue too—to campaign the owners and organizers of matches and event to effect proper insurance so that compensation is payable in the event of personal injuries or damage

pupils did not come forward from the schools in the required proportions, largely because of the neglect of the school-teaching situation in earlier years. Money intended by Robbins for expansion in science therefore to some extent went to meet the needs of the arts and the softer options at that. In an effort to swell the science numbers, students were accepted at the lowest possible standard, and were then subjected to courses that had been primarily devised through the years for those of greater ability. The result was that the universities emerged from the universities with a back ground that mismatched them to the work that industry was hoping that they would be fitted to do. The polytechnics, with rather less ambitious courses, in the meantime produced students who, having been through the rigours of the polytechnic, and the immersion were therefore gained the polytechnics had a more realistic approach.

At the same time many of the students in universities, especially those in the softer options, were uncertain of their purpose in being at universities at all. In many cases they encountered staff of a quality that would not have been appointed except in the hectic days of expansion, and these staff were often so uncertain of themselves that they did not know when they ought to stand up to the demands of the disaffected students. The result was a loss of balance between authority and freedom, culminating in events such as that at Strife, and as a recent case in Oxford where undergraduates demonstrated because a college refused to reduce the number of its married quarters to a pair of homosexual students. Small wonder, therefore, that the impression has been gained that universities are places of less value than they were, and that—however unjustified—students find themselves being read less than teachers or polytechnics.

The degradation of the universities has now been taken one stage further by the threatening of a strike: but academics will not improve their prospects by this step. I endorse Lord Annan's appeal (May 17) that we should not act to the detriment of our students, and I only regret that such an appeal is necessary. He says that we are ingenious men and women. What ingenuity I may personally

to property for spectators, passers by or adjacent householders alike. Yours faithfully, M. F. W. BOOKER, Cricket Green Cottage, Hambleton, Godingham, Surrey, May 19.

Referendum vote

From Mr Spike Milligan

Sir, The tragedy of the coming referendum of "yes or no" for Europe is that people like myself who really want to vote "no", so as to retain a national identity, can not vote "no" because, in fact, there is no choice. We have to say "yes", and it is this that makes me feel we have already lost our freedom to vote "yes" or "no". We have to say "yes" to survive, and it is this lack of choice which I find ominous. Respectfully, SPIKE MILLIGAN, 9 Ormeau Court, W2.

National museum acquisitions

From Mr Douglas Cooper

Sir, It is unusually heartening to read in your issue of May 12 that the Government has decided to reduce its grants in aid to Britain's national museums for "the next three years" to figures which the respective bodies of trustees and their directors consider to be "only half the money they require for new acquisitions". If the gentlemen concerned cannot be content with £12.5m per year, then I think the present holders of office have condemned themselves as inflationary speculators and insufficiently critical and canny purchasers.

One of the great modern myths inside museums is that a museum is dead unless it makes massive annual acquisitions. The Frick Collection in New York adds one great work about every three years. Is that dead? Personally, I find the rarity and excellence of its additions makes for a large part of its magnificence. The Wallace Collection can make no acquisitions at all. Is it the weaker for that?

Museums exist to display as well as and intelligently as possible what over evidence (in the form of works of art or craft) of man's creativity over the centuries has come into its possession. Britain's nationally supported museums have storerooms full of very interesting and often splendid or intriguing art objects which the public is never allowed to see. One reason for this is that the space where they might be shown is continuously preempted by new acquisitions.

Now a great many purchases made recently by Britain's national museums—especially in modern art, for the Tate—have been a appalling waste of money. The Government's policy of containing unnecessary and irresponsible spending by imposing a limit of £3m per annum is therefore both sound and healthy, and in the best interests of the public and the museums themselves. I would, however, like to suggest that half of the money saved should be allotted to increasing library grants and raising the salaries of museum personnel, who are provocatively underpaid for the tremendous responsibilities they carry. Sincerely yours,

DOUGLAS COOPER, Chairman, British Association of Art Galleries 30210 Remoulins, France, May 18.

The Cambridge rapist

From Mrs Jean Barker and Lady Rothchild

Sir, We fully share Captain Reid's concern about the Cambridge rapist, (May 17) particularly since he has a daughter as an undergraduate. But we deplore his ready acceptance of newspaper reports that the Cambridge Police "bristle more and more at needless reporters who ask if Scotland Yard is to be called in." The Cambridgeshire police do not bristle; they are working around the clock with the cooperation of the regional crime squad to solve an essentially local problem of massive and horrible proportions. There are no magical solutions or new techniques. To call in Scotland Yard might have been appropriate in the days of Lord Peter Wimsey but in the 1970s the expertise of the Metropolitan Force is no greater than that of the local and regional force who are dealing with the problem at the grassroots.

This type of crime can only be solved with the help of the local community. We are not involved in a game, and Captain Reid does little service in suggesting that it is one indeed he helps to undermine confidence in a force which has to conduct a delicate and demanding inquiry in the full glare of press publicity and reviling. The rapist must be revelling in his notoriety—and someone locally must know who he is. Yours faithfully, JEAN BARKER, TERESA ROTHCHILD, Members of Cambridgeshire Police Committee, 10, The Leys School, Cambridge, May 17.

"Write to them" week

From Mrs F. V. Dennis

Sir, I cannot see the Post Office making any concessions on postage in December, their busiest month. But perhaps there is a slack time in the year when it would be to their advantage to encourage more mail. What about a "Write to them" week in February? Let it be "By the Penny (1p) Post", and see the floods of letters rolling in. Aged aunts everywhere will be hugely gratified, and the penny might drop in the Post Office mind. Yours faithfully, FAITH DENNIS, Boundary House, 230 Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames, May 20.

Common or garden gnome

From Mr David Mills

Sir, I feel obliged to point out with regard to common or garden gnomes re H. Koppell's letter of May 21 that this phenomenon is not restricted to the London area. In the course of my professional travels I have spotted many gnomes, the best being in the Edgware area of Birmingham. Here every square foot, metric or otherwise, was occupied by one form of gnomery or another, rather similar to the Tiger Balm Gardens in Hongkong. Surely this is what gnomery is all about?

I can only hope as an avid gnome spotter that H. Koppell's plastic gnomes are not of the plastic variety. Yours faithfully, DAVID MILLS, 30 High Street, Wenden, Dorking, Surrey, May 21.

fare Officers

Sir Lincoln Kain
The general acceptance given by Working Party's report on Union Welfare Officers (in 1974, April 8, 1975) makes it all more surprising that the local authorities have not by now really established educational officers on a salary-grade reparable with their status as workers in the field of education. It would be interesting to what is now delaying the implementation of recommendations could effect substantial gains in our ever-increasing outlay on the social services. Work of education welfare officers is essentially preventive.

Yours faithfully, RALPHS, Bank Road, Norwich.

Strauss's music

From Mr Richard Strauss
Sir, (The *Times*, May 15) in an article on "philistine" music, you compare Strauss with "Dr Goebbels's 'Judea' music". This comparison is not only totally unjustified, but also an official Israeli ban on the music of Richard Strauss, Wagner. That their music is

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

The total aggregation of a child's income with that of its parent may have been avoided by its omission in the latest Finance Act for the sake of more urgent priorities, but the limited aggregation of a child's income still continues. This applies when it is the parents who have provided the capital from which the child's income derives.

Every parent is going to give his or her offspring money gifts from time to time. They are demanded or proffered in lieu of any other brighter idea for a present, they are given as an act of occasional generosity and there is always, of course, pocket money, now running at the rate of nearly 30p a week, according to the latest Family Expenditure Survey.

Some parents let their kids squander their money on the latest craze; others may insist that at least a proportion of any windfall money, whatever the source, should be saved. Indeed, there are children who quite sensibly turn out to be naturally thrifty. The rub is what happens when those savings begin to accumulate.

Fathers (taxpayers and tax return fillers for

most households) are required by law—although not all do so—to include all income, including that of their children, in their tax returns. Consequently many people's impression, the Inland Revenue does not turn a generous blind eye to the income of children. Rather than using their own discretion, tax officers are given the formal guideline that if the child's income does not exceed £5 it can be ignored for tax purposes.

This figure of £5 is ludicrous and dates back to at least as far as 1952. Today £5 in 1975 terms is worth over £16; and the Government should consider re-writing the guide to tax officers. After all, £5 of income requires remarkably little capital in the present interest rate climate.

Take building societies, patronized on behalf of their children by many parents. It would need savings of only £66.50 with building society, with the old investment rate of 7.5 per cent, to reach the magic £5 income limit. And £66.50 does not go very far towards the legendary motor cycle, or even some school holiday schemes. Does the Government really wish to penalize this kind of saving?

Capital transfer tax

'Associated dealings' are the gifts to beware

Not all gifts are liable to the capital transfer tax and last week I discussed a number of the exemptions which affect small amounts, but which affect most people.

Husband and wife are treated as separate individuals so each is entitled to the exemptions. However, it can happen that only one of them will have capital and if both are to take advantage of the exemptions, a transfer of funds will first have to take place, from one spouse to the other. There was some concern expressed, when the proposed legislation was being debated in the House of Commons, that this sort of arrangement would be caught by an anti-avoidance provision called "associated operations". This enables the taxman to treat two or more transactions as a single transaction if it produces more tax.

Mr Joel Barnett, chief secretary to the Treasury, endeavored to put minds at rest by saying: "It is reasonable for a husband to share capital with his wife when she has no means of her own, or if she chooses to make gifts out of the money she has received from her husband, there will be no question of using the associated operation provisions to treat them as gifts made by the husband and taxable as such."

In a blatant case, where a transfer by a husband to a wife was made on condition that the wife should at once use the money to make gifts to others, a charge on a gift by the husband might arise under the clause.

I want to give an example of certain circumstances that could mean the clause having to be invoked. There are complex situations involving transactions between husband and wife and others where, for example, a controlling share holder in a company wished to transfer his holding to his son.

If he gave half to his son, having first transferred half to his wife, and later his wife transferred her half share to the son, the effect would be to pass a controlling shareholding from father to son. The Revenue would then use the

associated operations provisions to ensure that the value of the controlling holding was taxed.

This statement did not placate everyone and Mr Barnett tried again with: "There are ordinary, perfectly innocent transfers between husband and wife. For example, where a husband has the money and the wife has no money—or the other way round, which happens from time to time—and the one with the money gives something to the other to enable the spouse to make a gift to a son or daughter on marriage, that transaction would not be caught by the clause."

Statements of this nature cannot of course override the law itself, but Mr Barnett has undertaken to clarify the legal position during the course of this year. Meanwhile, it would appear that transfers between husband and wife will not be caught as an "associated operation" in normal cases provided there is no condition imposed on the recipient to make an exempt gift.

Payments made by parents for the maintenance, education and training of their children are exempt. This includes children up to the age of 18 and over that age if they are receiving full time education or training. It extends to illegitimate, adopted and step-children.

Payments for the care and maintenance of a dependent relative are also exempt provided it is no more than reasonable provision.

Dependent relative has the same meaning that it has for income tax and capital gains tax, that is, a relative (of the taxpayer or his spouse) who is incapacitated by old age or infirmity from maintaining himself or herself. And regardless of age or health, it includes a mother who is widowed, separated or divorced. The income of the dependent relative is disregarded for this purpose.

On separation or divorce, settlements and other financial arrangements for maintenance are exempt.

The exemption for gifts to charities is a little more generous than it was for estate duty.

Provided the gift is made more than one year before death there is no limit. If it is made within a year of death, or is a bequest in the will, there is a limit of £100,000, and if the gift is larger than this figure the charity has to pay the tax on the excess.

To be eligible for the exemption the gift has to be made immediately. It will not, for example, be given where the benefit is postponed by first giving a life interest in property to someone after which it then goes to a charity.

As a matter of interest in passing, the advantages from an income tax, capital gains tax and estate duty (now capital transfer tax) point of view, has encouraged many wealthy individuals to set up family charitable trusts. However, the Chancellor has said that he intends to look into charitable trusts generally and to consider whether action is needed against the possibility of such trusts not being used for genuine charitable purposes.

Those of political inclination may be pleased to know that the same exemptions are also given to political parties. A political party is defined for this purpose as one which at the last General Election returned at least two members, or one member only provided it obtained at least 150,000 votes.

For the public-spirited, the estate duty exemptions which were given to gifts made for national purposes, such as to the National Gallery, the British Museum and many other such bodies, is continued for the capital transfer tax. There is no limit to the amount exempt and it is available both for gifts made during lifetime and on death.

Exempt also are gifts for the public benefit provided the Treasury considers the gift suitable, such as land of exceptional scenic or historic interest and their contents. In such a case the exemption is conditional on certain undertakings being given, such as reasonable access to the public.

Vera Di Palma

Fixed interest investment

The slowdown on local authority loan

Eleven am. Perched above the chimney pots of Pimlico, the dozen-odd money dealers of the Loans Bureau of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy are at their busiest.

Every phone is in use, and there are lights flashing all along the banks of direct lines. The room is buzzing with a constant cross-fire of demand and acceptance: "Will they take 500 at 10? - 9? - 8? - 7? - 6? - 5? - 4? - 3? - 2? - 1? - 0? - 1? - 2? - 3? - 4? - 5? - 6? - 7? - 8? - 9? - 10? - 11? - 12? - 13? - 14? - 15? - 16? - 17? - 18? - 19? - 20? - 21? - 22? - 23? - 24? - 25? - 26? - 27? - 28? - 29? - 30? - 31? - 32? - 33? - 34? - 35? - 36? - 37? - 38? - 39? - 40? - 41? - 42? - 43? - 44? - 45? - 46? - 47? - 48? - 49? - 50? - 51? - 52? - 53? - 54? - 55? - 56? - 57? - 58? - 59? - 60? - 61? - 62? - 63? - 64? - 65? - 66? - 67? - 68? - 69? - 70? - 71? - 72? - 73? - 74? - 75? - 76? - 77? - 78? - 79? - 80? - 81? - 82? - 83? - 84? - 85? - 86? - 87? - 88? - 89? - 90? - 91? - 92? - 93? - 94? - 95? - 96? - 97? - 98? - 99? - 100? - 101? - 102? - 103? - 104? - 105? - 106? - 107? - 108? - 109? - 110? - 111? - 112? - 113? - 114? - 115? - 116? - 117? - 118? - 119? - 120? - 121? - 122? - 123? - 124? - 125? - 126? - 127? - 128? - 129? - 130? - 131? - 132? - 133? - 134? - 135? - 136? - 137? 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55	35	Annivay & Rhodes	45	+1	0.0	5.0
124	90	Hennry Syken	124	—	4.9	8.3
61	29	Twinklock Ord	35	—	0.8	8.1
61	45	Twinklock 12% WLS	61	—	12.0	19.7

Approval to all resolutions was given by shareholders at yesterday's extraordinary general meetings of Tremletts and Tower Assets, and also at meetings of holders of the 9½ per cent. partly-convertible unsecured loan stock 1987-92 of Tremletts together with those of the 10 per cent partly-con-

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Local Authority Bonds	
1 month	10-6 1/4
2 months	10-6 3/4
3 months	10-6 1/2
4 months	10-6 1/4
5 months	10-6 1/2
6 months	10-6 1/4
7 months	10-6 1/2
8 months	10-6 1/4
9 months	10-6 1/2
10 months	10-6 1/4
11 months	10-6 1/2
12 months	10-6 1/4

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates	
1 month	9 3/4
2 months	10-0 1/4
3 months	10-0 1/2
4 months	10-0 3/4
5 months	10-1 1/4
6 months	10-1 1/2
7 months	10-1 3/4
8 months	10-2 1/4
9 months	10-2 1/2
10 months	10-2 3/4
11 months	10-3 1/4
12 months	10-3 1/2

Local Authority Markets	
1 month	10-6 1/4
2 months	10-6 3/4
3 months	10-6 1/2
4 months	10-6 1/4
5 months	10-6 1/2
6 months	10-6 1/4
7 months	10-6 1/2
8 months	10-6 1/4
9 months	10-6 1/2
10 months	10-6 1/4
11 months	10-6 1/2
12 months	10-6 1/4

Lockheed was one of the most active issues, climbing 2 1/2 to 11 1/2. The company said in its form 10-K annual report to the SEC that it expects a large profit increase over the next two years.

Asa's Book	175.00	received	307
Average rate	4780.00	last 4 weeks	12,747.00
Nett's Book	1200.00	replace	10700

Recent Issues

	Closing price
All Trd. Banks 10% Fy (11/00)	321 prem-30
Auto & Vtr 9% Fy (11/00)	1114
Bank & Gold 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Chemical 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Consumer 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Electrical 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Health 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Life 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Oil & Gas 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Real Estate 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Technology 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Transportation 10% Fy (11/00)	1080
Utilities 10% Fy (11/00)	1080

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Dr John Watkinson has resigned as group managing director, and as a director of Redman Heenan International, the Worcester-based engineering group. But Dr Watkinson, who became managing director as recently as October last year, and whose resignation is said to be "by mutual agreement", will continue to act as a consultant to RHI.

First quarter profits and sales of House of Fraser—due to be announced next week—should be “substantially” ahead of those for the comparable period for 1974, Sir Hugh Fraser said in Washington. He was attending the annual meeting of Carter Hawley stores, the Californian based company, of which he is a director, which owns 20.5 per cent of House of Fraser.


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Stock Exchange Prices

Equities close higher

Account Days: Dealings Begin, May 19. Dealings End, May 30. Contango Day, June 2. Settlement Day, June 10.
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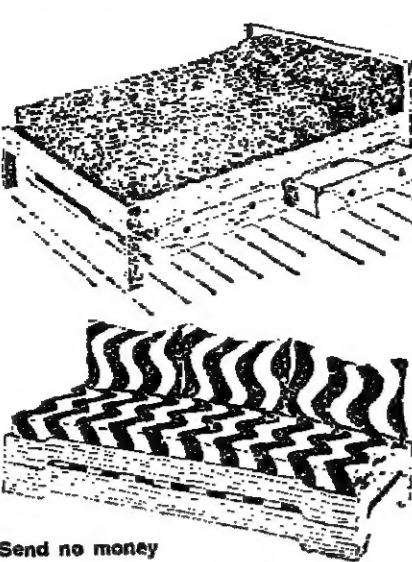
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